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Mr. Spreadbury:

I received your telephone message regarding questions about my January 30, 2007, letter to you regarding your Community Decay Complaint Form and I understand you wish further clarification. Upon receipt of your initial complaint, our office investigated to see if the regulations we enforce applied to this situation. The County Planning Department is not responsible for enforcing the Community Decay Ordinance, but rather we respond to complaints regarding subdivision, zoning and floodplain issues. The Community Decay Ordinance designates the County Sanitarian and the Ravalli County Planning Board (not Planning Department) as the "departments" responsible for enforcing the Community Decay Ordinance.

Upon receipt of your complaint, our office consulted with the County Environmental Health Department (County Sanitarian), and was assured that they were aware of the complaint. It is the Environmental Health Department (County Sanitarian) that is noted in the Ordinance as responsible for referring a Community Decay case to the County Planning Board. According to the Ordinance, a review of a Community Decay case by the Planning Board could also be triggered by the "accused." Thus far no such referral has been made. The only role noted in the Community Decay Ordinance for the County Planning Department is to help coordinate a County Planning Board meeting once a referral has been made.

I hope this clarifies the situation for you. I work for the Board of County Commissioners and if you are dissatisfied with my decision on this matter, you have the option to appeal this matter to them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Hughes", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Karen Hughes
Planning Director

Cc: Ravalli County Board of County Commissioners
Ravalli County Environmental Health Department
Ravalli County Attorneys Office
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